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RELEASE: Rep. James P. McGovern statement on revelations of spying on Colombian peace negotiations

“I am deeply disturbed by the revelations described by *Semana.com* of illegal surveillance on the part of the Colombian military of the Colombian peace negotiations, as well as reports of continuing illegal surveillance by military intelligence of Colombian human rights defenders and opposition politicians. I had hoped such operations had been dismantled and placed firmly in Colombia’s past. I strongly support President Santos’ commitment to stop such operations immediately and carry out a full investigation into how they came to be, including who ordered, organized, coordinated, supervised and funded them, and what has been done with the intelligence gathered. As a U.S. Congressman, I am also disturbed by the possibility that U.S. intelligence or defense agencies might have unwittingly provided support to the so-called "Andromeda" operation, either directly or indirectly, through funds, equipment, training, intelligence-sharing or receipt of tainted intelligence. I call upon my own government to carry out an investigation of any such possible links and to share those findings with President Santos. I also call on President Obama to ensure that all branches of the U.S. government, including the intelligence services and the Pentagon, speak with one voice to all their Colombian counterparts in strong and unequivocal support of the peace negotiations.”

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